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LB 337A

I would like to ask Judge Weihing a question if I may.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Weihing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He has a very judicial demeanor, so that's...we understand this. Judge Weihing, how much is this A bill for?

SENATOR WEIHING: I don't know. I'll have to do just like the rest of you, look that up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wait a minute. Mr. Chairman, I heard one say \$4,000, one say \$5,000, one say \$5,300, so I would...could anybody tell me...?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Perhaps Senator Pappas could answer the question.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Sixty-three.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sixty-three what?

SENATOR PAPPAS: \$6,300.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Six thousand, seven hundred the first year, 5,500 the next year.

SENATOR PAPPAS: You go along.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Members of the Legislature, Senator Weihing says this is a companion bill to 337 and it is as bad as or worse than 337. 337 does it to the farmer. 337A will take money out of the General Fund. Is that correct? Senator Weihing?

SENATOR WEIHING: Yes, it would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, so you're going to ask the taxpayers to help do it to the farmers. I think that is a very bad thing for the Legislature to do. Had I not been preoccupied with another bill, I would have spoken at length against 337, but since I missed that opportunity I'm not going to take a long time to speak against 337A, but I can't support 337A just as I could not support 337. There is no question but what the ultimate effect of 337 will be and that is to short-circuit or circumvent Initiative 300. There is no other reason for it.